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SUBJ: PLZEN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SEMINAR- JUNE 4-7, 1973

1. THANKS IN LARGE PART TO UNIFORMLY HIGH STANDARD OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS, PLZEN ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR WAS DEFINITE SUCCESS. SEMINAR ORGANIZERS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.

2. AS EXPECTED, SENIOR OFFICIAL OF SPONSORING FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (FMTID) TOOK OCCASTION OF POST- SEMINAR RECEPTION TO MAKE STRONG PITCH TO CEQ MEMBER JOHN BUSTERUD FOR PROMPT NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.

3. IN EVALUATING SEMINAR, AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WERE OF VIEW THAT ANY SUCH FUTURE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE MORE USEFUL IF THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY PROBLEM- ORIENTED RATHER THAN GENERAL IN NATURE. CZECHOSLOVAK ORGANIZERS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT RETURNED TO ISSUE OF " NECESSITY" TO NEGOTIATTE BILATERAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT.
4. CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF HOLDING A FUTURE BILATERAL SEMINAR IN UNITED STATES, BUT FMTID REPRESENTATIVE INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO EMBOFF THAT A U. S. INVITATION TO TWO OR THREE LEADING CZECHOSLOVAK ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO VISIT UNITED STATES TO CONSULT WITH AMERICAN COLLEAGUES AND/ OR PARTICIPATE IN REGULARLY- SCHEDULED MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AND FAVORABLY RECEIVED. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES
OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SUGGESTION THROUGH MEDIUM OF PARTIAL LEADER GRTANTS.
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5. U. S. PRESENTATIONS AT SEMINAR ELICITED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM CZECHOSLOVAK ATTENDEES INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC FIELDS UNDER DISCUSSION. INDIVIDUAL U. S. PARTICIPANTS WILL REPORT DETAILS THROUGH THEIR PARENT AGENCIES OR NSF, AS APPROPRIATE.

6. TWO FILMS PROVIDED BY USIA(" THE FIRST POLLUTION" AND " MAKE STEEL- BUT MAKE IT CLEAN") WERE SHOWN TO SEMINAR ATTENDEES AT CLOSE OF FIRST WORKING SESSION ON JUNE 4. FILMS WERE WELL RECEIVED, AND SEMINAR ORGANIZERS WERE PLEASED WITH THEIR AVAILABILITY.

7 . NUMBER OF REGISTERED ATTENDEES AT SEMINAR TOTALLED 110, AS ANTICIPATED. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WERE HANDLED AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED: FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM PRAGUE TO PLZEN AND RETURN WAS PROVIDED FOR ALL AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. ALL AMERICANS ALSO RECEIVED FREE HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR NIGHTS OF JUNE 3 THROUGH 7 INCLUSIVE, PLUS CHAS ALLOWANCE OF 760 KCS (APPROXIMATELY $60.00 AT OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE) FOR MEALS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

8. SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS ARE IN PRESS. WHEN PROCEEDINGS PUBLISHED, EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPIES TO DEPARTMENT AND TO INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS.
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